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*Some Short and Necessary Observations,
Proper to be Considered, in the Settle-
ment of the African Trade.*

1. **T**H E Company's Forts and Castles there, and their Property, by Charter, to the Lands and Islands in *Africa*.

2. The Necessary Occasions, that may frequently happen, of Encreasing the Number of Forts in that Country.

3. The Great Charge of a Constant Maintainance, of so great a Number of Garrisons at that Distance, when Considered, that the Materials, as well as all Officers, Artificers, and Soldiers must be sent from hence.

4. The making and keeping up Alliances, and Confederacies with the Native Kings, and Inland Countries, for keeping Open, and bringing a Certain Trade to the Castles, essentially Necessary to make the Settlements useful.

5. The keeping up a Regular Trade with the Inland Natives, Pursuant to such Confederacies, that so often, and so long, as they bring down Gold or Negroes, they may find at the Castles, all sorts of Goods proper for them to Purchase.

6. The keeping the Prices of all *British* Commodities on a Certain Foot, so as the Natives Traders shall not be dissatisfied; and yet to yield a Reasonable Profit, Answerable to the Charge and Hazard of the Trade.

7. The absolute Necessity of Supporting the *British* Native-Allies and Confederates, against the Undermining Political Designs or Oppressions, that shall at any time happen to them, from those Natives, the Confederates and Allies of the *Hollanders*, *French* or other Rivals in the Trade.

8. The Constant and Great Expence of Hiring, Buying, and Maintaining Linguisters, Castle-Slaves for Work, Canoes, Canoe-Men, Coast-ing-Vessels, Masters, Sailors, and Stores of all Sorts. From which arises those Reasonable Conclusions. That,

To put the Forts and Castles in Her Majesty, and preserve the Trade, the following Particulars are absolutely Necessary to be provided for: And are all of them much different, from what the Separate-Traders have ever yet proposed.

1. To agree with the Company for the Purchase of their Forts and Castles, and their Property in the Lands and Islands in *Africa*, granted them by Charter, and to raise Money for the Payment.

2. To raise to the Queen a large Sum of Money, for the present Supply and Repairs of the Forts and Castles, proposed to be put into Her Possession.

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3. To ascertain to Her Majesty a Sum of Money Yearly, Necessary for the Maintainance of those Ports and Castles, &c.

4. To have a certain, Security, that the Ports and Castles, shall always be supplied with all Sorts of Vendible Goods for Trade; and they to be under the Direction and Disposal of the General of the Coast, who is to keep up the Confederacies with the Natives for that Purpose; without which it will not be possible for him to do it.

5. To provide for a certain Large Annual Export, and that the Sales of Goods in the Settlements in *Africa*, and the Ships Cargoes on the Coast, be under one and the same uniform Direction in Price and Returns, without which the Plantations have no Security of Supplies; or is it possible to sell Goods to Advantage, or to purchase Negroes on the Coast at Moderate Prices.

It is humbly hoped, that as those Particulars, and consequently the Preservation of the Trade, are not practicable from the Schemes proposed by the Separate-Traders.

And that as the Scheme proposed by the Company of a Sufficient Joynt-Stock, is undoubtedly a good, and the best Security that can be given for the Carrying on this Trade, to the Honour and Advantage of this Nation; the same will find the Approbation of the Parliament, and the Trade thereby be effectually Established.

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